

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested. Claims 1, 13, 20 and 32 have been amended. Claim 39-42 have been canceled. Thus, claims 1-38 are pending.

Since an Official Action set an original due date of July 6, 2004, petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made for an extension to cover the date this reply is filed for which the requisite fee is enclosed.

A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) accompanies this Amendment together with the appropriate fee.

Claims 1, 13, 20 and 32 have been amended to include the subject matter of claims 39, 40, 41 and 42, respectively.

Thus, the independent claims, as amended, recite that the HTML document is generated by an application instance, wherein the application instance is terminated based on the HTML document having been output to a browser.

The Examiner cites Brandt et al. as disclosing a method that deploys from a server and terminates once an HTML page has been output to a browser. The Examiner contends that it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art "to use Brandt's method of HTML web page transmission with the inventions of Ladd, St. Pierre, Schloss, Saylor and Meyerson in order to facilitate transmission of web pages in a memory-efficient manner."

Applicants' submit that one would not combine the teachings of Brandt et al. with the primary reference of Ladd et al., since Ladd et al. teach away from the features of claims 1, 13, 20 and 32 as amended by teaching a complex voice browser having an interpreter that constructs its own persistent interactive voice response (IVR) session by relying on a state machine to maintain application state with the user. In contrast, HTTP connections inherently utilize non-persistent connections that prevent their use for persistent voice applications. Claims 1, 13, 20 and 32 specify that the application instance is terminated

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based on the HTML page or document having been output to a browser. Hence, termination of the application instance renders the application instance a non-persistent voice application, able to accommodate the non-persistent nature of HTTP connections. Thus, the rejection should be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, it is believed this application is in condition for allowance, and such as Notice is respectfully solicited.

Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including any missing or insufficient fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a), to Deposit Account No. 50-1130, under Order No. 95-419, and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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